



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES
60 State Street, Wethersfield, CT 06161
<http://ct.gov/dmv>



Testimony of Department of Motor Vehicles
Commissioner Andres Ayala, Jr.
Transportation Committee Public Hearing
February 9, 2015

Proposed H.B. No. 5538- AN ACT CONCERNING AUTOCYCLES.

Proposed H.B. No. 6499- AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGISTRATION OF AUTOCYCLES

Good morning Senator Maynard, Representative Guerrero, Senator Boucher, Representative O'Dea and other members of the Transportation Committee.

The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) appreciates the opportunity to offer comment regarding Proposed H.B. 5538 AN ACT CONCERNING AUTOCYCLES and Proposed H.B. 6499 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGISTRATION OF AUTOCYCLES.

Currently, autocycles are not permitted to be sold or registered in Connecticut. These vehicles have three wheels, but have a steering wheel and pedals similar to an automobile, and have driver and passenger seats that are enclosed. These vehicles do not meet the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards as automobiles, but qualify under federal standards as "motorcycles." However, they do not meet Connecticut's existing definition of a motorcycle.

This proposed legislation would permit these vehicles to be sold and registered in Connecticut by creating a definition of "autocycle" as well as a new registration category. The DMV does not take a position on whether these vehicles should be allowed to be sold and registered in the State. However, if the Legislature determines as a policy issue that these vehicles should be permitted in Connecticut, the DMV is requesting that the Legislature implement language that the DMV has drafted and submitted for allowing these vehicles to enter the market. The DMV language defines "autocycles" and creates a framework for their registration that is the most cost-effective and least disruptive to DMV operations during its modernization. The DMV believes that its proposal for autocycles will satisfy the purpose and intent of proposed H.B. 5388 and H.B. 6499 by permitting these vehicles to be sold and registered in Connecticut.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify with regard to these proposals. I would be happy to answer any questions that arise, and to discuss the DMV's draft language.